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WASHINGTON--CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS, WIDELY COMPLIMENTED FOR HIS CARE WITH THE CLOAK AND DAGGER, FACED A SENATE SCOLDING TODAY FOR WIELDING A CLUMSY PEN.

THE 55-YEAR-OLD HELMS, IN OFFICE BUT A MONTH, WAS THE TARGET OF SENATE OUTRAGE YESTERDAY FOR A LETTER TO THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT PRAISING AN EDITORIAL REBUKE TO CHAIRMAN J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

HELMS CALLED FULBRIGHT YESTERDAY TO SAY HE WAS SORRY ABOUT THAT AND TODAY (AT 10:30 A.M.) HAD A CHANCE TO TELL FULBRIGHT IN PERSON DURING HIS SCHEDULED APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATOR'S COMMITTEE.

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